

November 5, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are writing to thank both you and the Commission for your ongoing support of wireless local number portability (WLNP) and to urge you to continue to rebuff any last-minute efforts to further delay implementation of it.

For North Dakotans, the state Public Service Commission is often the first point of contact for customers who are upset with their wireless service. Because of this, we try to facilitate positive outcomes for consumers. It is in this spirit we are writing to express our desire to see the implementation of WLNP move forward in a timely manner.

You are to be congratulated for your continued efforts to hold fast to the November 24 deadline, and for the additional guidance given to wireless carriers in the Commission's October 7 Memorandum Opinion and Order.

As statewide elected officials, we have the opportunity to interact with our constituents on a regular basis. Perhaps because of the publicly elected nature of our offices, this interaction is more frequent and visible than would otherwise be the case. The feedback we have received from consumers to WLNP has been almost universally positive. We are confident in saying this will be a very attractive tool for consumers and one that will facilitate the power of the free market to improve consumer-oriented outcomes.

As always, we look forward to further opportunities to work with you and the Commission on issues of mutual concern. Please let us know whenever we may be of service.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Wefald
Commissioner

Tony Clark
President

Kevin Cramer
Commissioner

cc: Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein